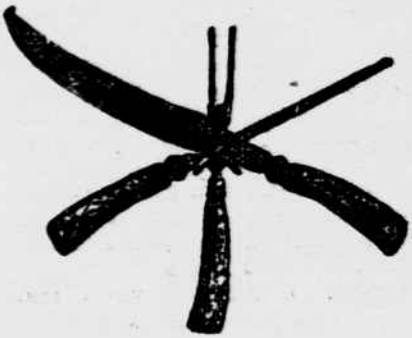


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REPORT ON INSURANCE

ANNUAL STATEMENT TO COMMISSIONERS BY MR. DRAKE.

Thomas E. Drake, superintendent of insurance in the District, in his annual report, submitted to the Commissioners yesterday, states that the business of many of the life insurance companies throughout the country had suffered on account of sensational insurance scandals, but that the effect is already passing away, and the time is not far distant when the business of life insurance will be greatly benefited by the results of the investigation, and the business will thereafter have greater prestige than ever. The trouble, it is added, had little effect upon the insurance business in the District, as there was an increase in each branch during the past year.

In the District last year, 237 licenses were issued to insurance companies, assessment associations, and fraternal benefit associations, and 1,235 licenses to principal agents, solicitors and brokers, an increase of eleven in the number of licenses issued to companies, compared with the previous year, and an increase of three in licenses issued to agents.

Revenue From Department. It was with pride, Superintendent Drake says, that he points to the revenue derived from his department. The total license fees collected amounted to \$18,370.94, and the taxes collected amounted to \$39,595.38, making a total of \$57,966.32. The total expense in conducting his office amounted to only \$9,694.90. In referring to the cost of running his department, Superintendent Drake states that his working force was entirely inadequate, and his employees, including himself, underpaid.

According to the report, considerable money is involved in the insurance business in Washington. The total assets of all insurance corporations transacting business in the District at the time of the report amounted to \$1,078,172,345.07, of which \$2,885,550,183.69, surplus, including capital, \$262,622,161. There was paid for premiums in the District, for insurance of all kinds, during the year, \$4,814,386.44. The losses paid by all insurance companies amounted to \$1,621,233.57. The amount of insurance written during the year was \$151,041,396.54.

Many Incorrect Reports. Owing to a large number of incorrect reports made by the local insurance companies in submitting their annual statements showing their true financial conditions, as is required by law, the insurance department, according to the report, was required to carefully audit the statements and make corrections. Of the 117 companies only 64 were found to have reported correctly.

Superintendent Drake renewed his suggestion of the previous year for the enactment of a law regulating the business of assessment life associations doing business in the District on the "Industrial plan." Such companies, he stated, work an injustice to the hardy and honest policyholders, mostly poverty-stricken negroes and ignorant white people. He also says that the questionable methods practiced by such companies have been revealed.

Speaking of the insurance scandals last year, Mr. Drake says that the extraordinary test of solvency to which life insurance companies were everywhere subjected on account of the sensational stands alone in the history of financial institutions. The result furnished a convincing proof of the absolute safety of the foundation upon which the old line, legal reserve system of life insurance is based.

Mr. Drake closes his report by discussing at length the insurance conference held in Chicago, Ill., last year, and the national convention of insurance commissioners in this city last month.

ROCKVILLE AND VICINITY.

General and Personal News of Montgomery County, Md.

Special Correspondence of The Star. ROCKVILLE, Md., December 1, 1906. Charles T. Purdum, one of the most widely known residents of the upper section of this county, is dead at his home near Cedar Grove. His wife, who was Miss Harriet A. Hobbs of the Cedar Grove neighborhood, and his children, Mrs. W. S. Schwartz of Frederick, Mrs. W. Vernon Beall of Lay Hill, Mrs. William T. Matthews of Rockville, Charles R. Purdum of Sandy Spring, Spencer M. Purdum of Germantown and William T. Purdum of Cedar Grove survive him. For fifty years or more Mr. Purdum was a member of the Cedar Baptist Church.

The verdict of not guilty in the case of Bradley, formerly a deputy sheriff for Bethesda district, who was charged with accepting a bribe while on duty, may result in his early reappointment by the county commissioners. Commissioner Bradley has announced his intention of renominating Bradley for constable, and the matter will probably be taken up by the commissioners at their meeting next Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Boyer of the upper section of the county a few days ago celebrated the fifth anniversary of their marriage. The event occurred at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Bowman, and was attended by a large gathering of relatives and friends. Among those present were Mrs. Boyer's sisters, Mrs. G. W. Walker and Mrs. James Penn, and her brother, J. Henning Purdum, and Messrs. James Penn, G. W. Walker and John J. Mullinix, all of whom were present at the marriage of the aged couple. Boy and Mrs. E. E. Miss Edna Hyatt, Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Hyatt, Mrs. Martha Purdum, Mrs. J. Henning Purdum and daughter, Mrs. Oscar Brandenburg, Mr. C. W. Day, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Bowman, James W. Boyer and daughter, Jesse D. Boyer and family, Dr. George M. Boyer and wife, Dr. W. E. Boyer, J. F. Boyer and family and others.

Earle B. Wood, county superintendent of public schools, has announced the program for the Montgomery County Teachers' Association, which is to meet here next Saturday. Among those expected to deliver addresses or participate in other ways are Rev. Thomas J. Packard, George H. Lamar, Prof. Wood, Truman H. Aud, Col. J. H. Cummings, Ritchie E. Hane, H. Crawford Bounds, William A. Baker, Misses Ella V. Ricker, Anna L. Waters, Beulah A. Dove, Emma M. Hughes, Lillie B. Magruder, Verena L. Dulaney, Sallie Fontaine, Sarah J. Williams, Alice E. Hepburn, Ida P. Stabler, Nora J. Rabbitt, Clara B. Demuth, Lillie Chaney, Mrs. Blanche B. Craner and others. The music will be a feature and will be in charge of a committee composed of Messrs. F. W. Watkins, Samuel A. Lehman, C. W. Day, Arthur R. Watkins, Mrs. Clara V. Mace and Misses Lillian M. Baker and Carrie B. Young.

The Rockville Assembly held its annual Thanksgiving ball in the opera house Wednesday evening. It was in charge of a committee composed of Messrs. Edward S. Dawson, Lee Kemp and John H. Starkey, the chaperones being Mrs. Otto H. W. Talbott, Mrs. Harry A. Dawson, Mrs. Lee S. Dorsey and Mrs. J. Arthur Kemp. At midnight refreshments were served.

A meeting of the Rockville Woman's Club was held at the club rooms yesterday afternoon. The responses for the day were from miscellaneous authors. Mrs. George P. Henderson contributed a paper on "The Temple," Mrs. Frank A. Spencer gave a talk on "The Rosetta Stone" and Miss Sophia C. Higgins read a paper on "The Industrial Development of Maryland Since the Civil War."

German Liner Launched. STETTIN, Germany, December 1.—The North German Lloyd steamer Kron Prinzessin Cecilie was launched here today. The vessel, which is of the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse class, was christened by the crown princess. The Kron Prinzessin Cecilie will enable the North German Lloyd Company to run a weekly service to New York of seven-day steamers.

Disturb Moret Ministry. MADRID, December 1.—The liberal press is almost unanimous in expressing lack of confidence in the new Moret-y-Prendergast ministry. The prevailing opinion is that the Moret ministry will not long survive and simply will pave the way for the restoration to power of the conservatives under Senor Maura.

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TECHNICAL TRAINING

ITS NEED DISCUSSED BY THE SOCIAL CONGRESS.

BOSTON, December 1.—Five sectional meetings occupied the time of the educational reformers and others interested in social improvement during the early part of the second day of the social education congress in this city.

Today's session of the industrial educational department assumed importance because the program called for presentation of the question of industrial education from opposite viewpoints. M. W. Alexander, engineer of the General Electric Company, considering the need of it, from the manufacturers' side, and John Golden, president of the United Textile Workers of America, Fall River, speaking for the workmen.

Mr. Alexander maintained that the educational system has not yet answered the demands of the industries for skilled hands. Mr. Golden said that both manufacturers and workmen are gradually working up to a conviction that industrial and technical education is for the welfare of all.

Functions of Library. The labor unions, Mr. Golden said, naturally deeply concerned in all that affects the earning capacity of the workmen, were suspicious of the industrial education movement, but they will now go hand in hand with the employers in any effort that is made for the betterment of trade conditions.

John Cotton Dana of the free public library of Newark was heard in the section on the relation of the library to social education.

The afternoon mass meeting was held in Ford Hall, and among the speakers were Rev. Washington Gladden, of Columbus, Ohio. His topic was "The Social Function of the Family," and his contention was that the capital defect of modern society was in the tendency of the family to shirk its primary social functions and pass them over to other agencies.

It was learned today that it was not the purpose of the congress to effect an organization at this time.

WILL PROBE TOBACCO WAR.

Investigation to Be Made in the Dark Belt.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., December 1.—Mott Ayres, state fire marshal, left for Princeton today to investigate the alleged incendiarism at the two tobacco factories. He has the power of a grand jury to summon witnesses and require testimony under oath. It is not improbable that Gov. Beckham will be asked to call out the militia to protect property in the Princeton district. C. F. Snyder, secretary of the state board of fire underwriters, says the insurance companies will not be responsible for the loss of the plants, as the policies contain a clause exempting the companies in cases of riot.

The insurance companies are investigating a fire of incendiary origin that destroyed the \$16,000 tobacco plant of W. C. Rice & Sons at Princeton on the night of November 11. Previous to the Rice fire several tobacco barns were dynamited in Trigg, Graves and Caldwell counties. It is alleged that when the protective association was formed throughout the dark tobacco district severe measures were taken against growers who refused to join it. Marauders visited the farms and non-members at night and cut down the tobacco plants with hoes, set fire to barns and committed other depredations.

The ill feeling began about six years ago, when the Italian government sent agents into the dark tobacco field. These agents paid such high prices for the tobacco that other agents were driven out of the field.

Fuel Famine in Nevada.

RENO, Nev., December 1.—Unless the fuel famine in Nevada is broken immediately, suffering and sickness and perhaps death will follow in the wake of the storm which has raged for the past two days in southern Nevada. Coal cannot be obtained in Goldfield or Tonopah, and wood is bringing exorbitant prices. Ties and telephone poles are being burned. A trainload of wood is being rushed into southern Nevada from the north. The fuel famine extends over the entire state and even in this city coal cannot be purchased. Wood can still be secured here, but only in small quantities and at very high prices.

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Deplores Warehouse Burning.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., December 1.—The president of the Dark Tobacco Planters' Protective Association, Charles H. Port of Sadsburyville, Tenn., today said that the burning of the tobacco stemmeries at Princeton, Ky., was not the work of members of the association, so far as he knew. He would not, he said, attempt to justify any one for such an outrage. Felix G. Ewing, general manager of the association, is in New York.

Will See Alfonso.

PARIS, December 1.—Foreign Minister Pichon, making supplementary explanations in the chamber of deputies today of the government's attitude toward Morocco, said that Admiral Touchard's squadron would stop at Cadiz, in order to enable the admiral to visit King Alfonso before proceeding to Tangier.

CADIZ, December 1.—The Spanish armored cruiser Princesa de Asturias sailed today for Tangier.



THE PINEY BRANCH BRIDGE AS IT APPEARS TODAY. (Photo by Staff Photographer.)

ONE OF THE FINEST PINEY BRANCH BRIDGE SO REGARDED BY OFFICIALS.

Structure is Nearing Completion—Is 272 Feet Long and Will Cost \$50,000.

The Piney Branch bridge, which is nearing completion, is looked upon by District officials and bridge authorities as the most unique and one of the finest bridges of its size and cost ever built in the District of Columbia. Although the bridge itself is practically finished and is ready for traffic the approaches will not be completed for some little time.

This bridge is being constructed on the line of 16th street extended, where this street crosses Piney Branch. It is situated in a beautiful valley, and is so near Rock Creek Park that it is probable that one of the principal driveways to the park will pass under the bridge.

What is looked upon as the most unique feature of this bridge is its single parabolic arch. This arch has a span of 125 feet and a rise of 45 feet. The arch as well as the balance of the structure is of concrete. The arch is not reinforced with steel as is usually the case, but the balance of the structure is heavily reinforced. The most important features of the design, it is stated, is the use of the parabolic curve in the arch which is unprecedented on such a large span. According to Inspector of Bridges Douglas, who has supervised the construction of this bridge, this curve was selected on account of its strength and beauty.

Matter of Economy. Ordinarily the roadway of a bridge is supported on a fill which is retained by two parallel retaining walls resting on the back of the arch. For economy, in the Piney Branch bridge, the roadway is carried on two-face walls each two feet thick and interior columns each two feet square. These walls and columns support a concrete steel floor upon which the macadam will be placed after the bridge is finished. It will be possible to get down one of the several manholes of the roadway, according to Mr. Douglas, and walk over the back of the arch down the inside of the abutments. Incidentally these abutments are of the same skeleton construction, as is the superstructure which rests on the back of the arch. Usually in the construction of bridges an abutment consists of two retaining walls with a roadway fill as described before, for the portion of the bridge back of the arch, but in the Piney Branch bridge there is no earth on the inside. If a person would go on the inside of the bridge and walk about it would appear as a good deal like the inside of a completed steel house before it is covered with wood and plaster, excepting, of course, that the back of the arch is steep curved instead of being flat.

Dimensions of the Structure. This bridge is 272 feet long, 25 feet wide and will cost \$50,000. It is not built on the center line of the street, but about 20 feet east of it. It is contemplated that whenever the travel warrants it a second bridge of the same dimensions as the present one will be built 20 feet from the present structure, and these two independent bridges will be connected at the floor level with a concrete slab. This idea of building twin bridges is a new one, there being but one other bridge, as far as Mr. Douglas knows, in the construction of which this system has been used.

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